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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7, 11-14 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 5, 6, 8-10, 15, 16 and 18-20 have been amended as suggested by the examiner to overcome the objection.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the notice of allowable subject matter of Claims 5, 6, 8-10, 15, 16 and 18-20; however, Applicant submits that these claims are distinguishable over the prior art of record for reasons not limited to those presented by the examiner, and that the record speaks for itself.

Claims 5, 6, 8-10, 15, 16 and 18-20 are pending in the application.

By way of this response, Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the examiner telephone Timothy R. Croll at (408)433-7625 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Applicant respectfully requests examination and favorable reconsideration of Claims 5, 6, 8-10, 15, 16 and 18-20.

The fee for one (1) additional independent claim is attached to this amendment.

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